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NOT BIG FARE ON GRAND BANK

h. Thomas S. Gorton Home
Hailing for 250,000 Lbs.
Salt Cod.

With the largest salt fare of the sea-
sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Capt. Wil-
Thomas is home, his hall being
000 pounds salt cod.
Capt. Thomas' fine trip was taken
tly on Grand Banks. After his
t baiting he left Cape North and on
and Banks struck some nice fishing.
reports that one French beam
wer took a fare of 3000 quintals in
nt days.
Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thomp-
18 days out, arrived during the
ut from Georges with 11,000 pounds
fresh halibut and 100,000 pounds
fresh cusk. The halibut sold to the
merican Halibut Company at 12
ts a pound for white and 10 cents
gray.
Sch. Clintonia, Capt. Lyman Wyldie,
m Cape North, brings 75,000 pounds
cod and 2000 pounds fresh halibut.
one Italian boat landed 40 barrels
fresh tinker mackerel and 50 bar-
butter fish at the Fort.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.
The arrivals and receipts in detail
Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, Grand
s, 250,000 lbs. salt cod.
h. Clintonia, Cape North, 75,000
salt cod, 2000 lbs. fresh halibut.
Sch. Gov. Foss, Georges, 10,000 lbs.
fresh halibut, 100,000 lbs. fresh cusk.
Sch. Esther Gray, shore, 22,000 lbs.
h. Ash.
Italian boat, seining, 40 bbls. fresh
ker mackerel, 50 bbls. fresh butter

Vessels Sailed.
Sch. Volant, halibuting.
Sch. Rex, halibuting.
Sch. Pinta, seining.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, seining.
Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, seining.
Sch. Marguerite Haskins, seining.
Steamer Philomena, seining.
Sch. Ingomar, shacking.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, haddocking.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.
Salt Fish.
Handline Georges codfish, large
per cwt.; medium, \$4.25; snappers,
0.
Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5;
um, \$4.25.
Eastern halibut codfish, large,
medium, \$3.50; snappers, \$3.
Drift cod, large \$2.50; medium, \$2.10
Salt trawl bank codfish, large, \$4.25;
um, \$3.75.
Cusk, large, \$2.50; medium, \$2;
appers, \$1.50.
Haddock, \$2.50.
Hake, \$1.80.
Pollock, \$1.75.
Pitched halibut, 8 1-2c, 6c and 3c
lb.
Cape Shore salt mackerel, \$9 per
bbl.
Salt tinker mackerel, \$9 per bbl.

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Fresh Fish.
Splitting prices:
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.
Western cod, large, \$2.40; medium,
\$2; snappers, 75c.
Eastern cod, large, \$2.15; medium,
\$1.85; snappers, 75c.
All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100
pounds less than above.
Hake, \$1.30.
Cusk, large, \$1.65; medium, \$1.20;
snappers, 50c.
Pollock, \$1.10.
Small pollock, 75c per bbl.
Fresh halibut 12c per lb. for white;
10c for small gray and 8c for large
gray.

Large shore herring, \$3 per bbl. for
bait; \$2 to freezer; \$1.75 to salt.
Fresh mackerel 13c each for large,
6c for medium, 2 1-5c to 3c per lb. for
tinkers.
Whiting, 60c per bbl.

PROVINCETOWN MACKEREL YEAR

A Provincetown dispatch says—
Mackerel in millions have struck the
coast and the trouble now is where
and how to dispose of some of the
many large hauls by seine and weir.
Said one menhaden steamer cap-
tain here Tuesday: "I never saw so
many mackerel in my life as I have
seen recently in my cruising for men-
haden."

That skipper, by the way, had not
seen a menhaden for two weeks prior
to his statement.

He was one of the two dozen or
more menhaden boat captains who,
with their crews, frequented Barn-
stable Bay and adjacent waters the
summer before last, taking about half
a million barrels of porgies in a short
month or two, astonishing the fishing
world with the size of their hauls in
a locality where the species had been
almost entirely absent for several suc-
cessive seasons.

Barnstable Bay proved a bonanza
for the big menhaden fishing company
that season, its yield far exceeding
that of any of the well know menhad-
en fishing fields that year.

The fishing skipper quoted said at
the end of the season of 1912: "I don't
look for good menhaden fishing in
Barnstable Bay next year. The men-
haden, like other species of fish, are
erratic in their movements." His
guess was a correct one.

The menhaden held aloof all last
summer from these waters and are
still absenting themselves, while all
other parts of the coast formerly fre-
quented by the species have the same
disappointing experience to report.

"Fishers have tails," is what fisher-
men will tell one who asks why
mackerel or other species are plenti-
ful in some locality one year and seem
to shun it the next.

That succinct explanation, meaning
that fishes are "Arab-like" in their
wanderings, is probably as nearly
correct as is any theory advanced by
the scientists.

No living man can know why cer-
tain kinds of food fishes suddenly for-
sake the feeding grounds of years'
long frequenting, or having absented
themselves for some scores of years
from a given place suddenly appear
there in multitudes and repeat the

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visitation for each of several conse-
cutive years.
The squeteague, which formerly
were foreign to waters north of Cape
Cod, entered those waters in myriads
in 1897, '98, and '99, only to leave and
remain away en masse, a little later.
The bluefish (temnodon saltator) is
no longer caught in numbers north of
Cape Cod.
That species was very plentiful on
the North Atlantic coast in the 18th
century, but in 1765 disappeared and
remained hidden more than 60 years.
In 1832, however, bluefish hordes fre-
quented the waters south of Cape
Cod, but fortunately for the mackerel-
catching craft did not enter Massa-
chusetts Bay until 1847.

All other species of fishes fled when
the bluefish appeared. For many
years the bluefish remained a regular
annual visitor, but he comes no more,
having found "green fields and pas-
tures new."

Pollock swarmed here for some 10
years following 1896, then they, too,
said "good-by" to Provincetown wa-
ters, to be gone no one knows how
long.

The continued absence of mackerel
or other kinds of fish does not furnish
proof of their extermination, as is
shown by the sudden enormous in-
crease of mackerel along the shores.

Mackerel were abundant and cheap
all spring. They are still abundant
and fishermen have experienced much
difficulty of late in finding a market
for all of their catch.

It is said that one weir up the cape
contained over 100 barrels of mackerel
for which no market could be found
the first of the week, and that the
fishermen were about on the point of
freeing the lot, being unwilling to
keep them long captive.

Freezers at this end of the cape have
had an exceptionally good fishing sea-
son to date, the gross intake of as-
sorted food fish and bait fish being
far above normal.

In fact, so plentiful have been cer-
tain varieties of the herring family,
the kind known as "bluebacks" has
become almost a drug on the local
market, several boats being obliged to
dump back their day's catch into the
sea for lack of a purchaser Monday.
one crew then thus disposing of 150
barrels.

Neither mackerel or blueback her-
ring seems in danger of extinction, in
view of the surplus at present, which
is so great that the menhaden, steam-
ers, failing to find their legitimate
prey, are catching mackerel instead,
finding fish plentiful, but outlet re-
stricted.

WHALE UPSET TWO FISHERS

A sportive whale of the finback
variety, one of a number reported re-
cently in the South channel, south of
Cape Cod brought no joy to Emanuel
Gabriel and his son, members of the
crew on the fishing schooner Annie
Perry, when the monster tossed them
with their dory right into the air
nearly costing them their lives.

The fishermen, who were at work
setting trawls, clung to the sinking
boat until other members of the crew
rowed to their rescue.

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STRAY FISHER SAFE LANDED

Frank McEachern, the last of the
seven men who strayed from sch.
Frances S. Grueby in the South Chan-
nel and previously reported safe on
board another fishing craft, which had
picked him up, arrived at Boston
Monday on sch. Commonwealth.

McEachern with six other fisher-
men of the Grueby strayed from his
vessel in a light fog a week ago Sun-
day. All the men except McEachern
have since rejoined the Grueby. Mc-
Eachern drifted about all night with-
out sighting a sail. Although he had
nothing to eat during this period, he
said that he does not remember hav-
ing felt hungry. He had a jug of wa-
ter in his dory, and did not take a
drink of it. He said he guessed that
the heavy downpour of rain, which
soaked even his oilskins, provided
moisture enough. The electrical
storm which he witnessed while float-
ing about in his dory, was, he said,
the most violent he had ever seen.

Finally, when he had almost given
up hope, McEachern was picked up by
the schooner Commonwealth, which
landed him at the new pier yesterday
morning. He will remain in Boston
until the Grueby again reaches port.

ONE LOBSTER A DINNER FOR 18

A mammoth lobster, the father of
all crustaceans was caught by crew of
sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben
Cameron, while the crew were taking
in the seine with a school of mackerel,
down on the Rips last week.

The lobster weighed 18 pounds, it is
estimated, there being only a 10-
pound scale on board at the time, so
the weight could not be accurately de-
termined. At any rate it was big
enough for one good meal for all
hands, counting 18 mouths and a
tempting supper of lobster was en-
joyed by Capt. Cameron and crew.

To give an idea of the size of the
lobster, one of the claws, after being
cooked tipped the scales to over three
pounds.

Good Word For Consul.
Says the St. John's Herald:
Frank Brusard, Andrew Stickland,
Peter Lake, Martin Blagdon and Paul
Simmons, wish to extend through the
medium of the press, their heartfelt
thanks to the American Consul, Mr.
Benedict, for his splendid treatment of
them on their arrival here. Nothing
that could add to their comfort was
neglected by him, and the men are
loud in their praise of him.
The above men are members of the
crew of sch. Rex of this port, who
strayed from their crafts on Grand
Banks recently and sailed to land.

"PROSPERITY" VOYAGES CONTINUE PRICES DROP ON NOVA SCOTIANS GOODLY SUPPLY SALT MACKEREL

Many Vessels In Lately Had Fine Stocks and Shares.

Following are some more good stocks and shares which have resulted for recent trips in all branches of the fisheries. Big money is being made by the vessels and crews of the Gloucester fleet.

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, of the William Jordan Co. fleet, Capt. Ralph Webber, stocked \$3269 and the crew shared \$66.18 from her last trip. She landed two trips in Boston in nine days.

Sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson, of the Cunningham and Thompson Company fleet of seiners, stocked \$4400 and the crew shared \$87.30 from her last trip.

Steamer Thelma, Capt. Elroy Prior, of the M. Walen and Son fleet, stocked \$1287 and the crew shared \$41.13 from her recent seining trip.

Sch. Corsair, Capt. George G. Hamor, of the Gorton-Pew fleet of seiners, stocked \$2689.65 and the crew shared \$52.05. The Corsair has an engine and an automatic hoister.

Sch. Rob Roy, Capt. Lemuel Firth, another of the Gorton-Pew fleet of seiners stocked \$1686.06 and the crew shared \$35.20. The Rob Roy was absent only one week on this trip. She is equipped with an engine and a hoister.

Sch. Harvard, Capt. Edward McLean, of the William H. Jordan Company fleet of seiners, stocked \$2896 and the crew shared \$52.01. The Harvard is equipped with an engine.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Reuben Cameron, still another of the Jordan fleet, stocked \$2198 and the

crew shared \$42. The Haskins also has an engine.

Sch. Pinta, Capt. Daniel Grady, of the John Chisholm fleet of seiners, stocked \$2600 and the crew shared \$50.15 from her recent trip.

Sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, of the Sylvanus Smith Co., Inc., fleet of fresh drifters, stocked \$1940 from her last trip.

Sch. W. H. Moody, Capt. Fred Howard, of the same concern, stocked \$1036.52 from her recent trip. The Moody was in Boston again yesterday.

Sch. Thalia, Capt. Percy Firth, of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company fleet of fresh drifters, was gone 10 days and stocked \$935.91.

Another quick trip was made by sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Oscar Lyons, another of the Gorton-Pew fleet of drifters. The Lowell stocked \$889.

Sch. Volant, Capt. Gus Dunskey, fresh halibuting, of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company fleet made a quick trip of 17 days, and stocked \$2325.50 from which the crew shared \$42.61 clear. The Volant is auxiliary propelled.

Sch. Smuggler, Capt. Freeman Crowell, Cape North shacking, another of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company fleet, stocked \$2749.15, and the crew shared \$55.80 clear.

Sch. Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin of the John Chisholm fleet of Cape Northers, stocked \$3700 and the crew shared \$78 clear as a result of her recent trip.

Sch. Elsie, Capt. Al Reynolds, of the Atlantic Maritime fleet stocked \$3501 on her recent Cape North shacking trip, from which the crew shared \$60.19 clear.

BIG CONTRACT FOR RUSSIA CEMENT CO.

The Russia Cement Company of this city has just been awarded a large United States government contract for mullage. The contract calls for a large quantity of LePage's Gold Medal O mullage in different sized packages. There will be four car loads of the hiquart size, delivered in addition to a large quantity of other sizes.

la Next year, every post office and government office in the United States,

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Gov. Foss sold to the American Halibut company for 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

The halibut fare of sch. Clontonia sold to the American Halibut Company for 12 cents per pound for white and ten cents for small gray, and eight cents for large grays.

Phillipine Islands and Porto Rico will use LePage's Gold Medal mullage.

This award was received in competition with 11 other concerns and the price quoted by the local concern was next to the highest.

In view of this fact, the awarding of the contract to the Russia Cement company is taken by the officers of the company to be a high compliment on the quality of the glue.

Bay of Island Notes.

A hundred qtls. cod were landed at the Gorton-Pew Co.'s premises and Woods Island on Saturday by boats on their way up the Humber Arm for the week end.

In one day last week, 50,000 pounds of cod were taken from the boats at Codroy, being that day's catch. The fish was purchased by the Gorton-Pew Co.—Western Star, July 1.

346 Swordfish at New Fish Pier Today—Several Groundfish Fares.

Swordfish and fresh groundfish were again in plentiful supply at Boston this morning and prices took a corresponding drop.

In all, 346 swordfish were landed at the new pier since yesterday, selling at 12 1-2 cents a pound right through.

Of the off shore fleet, some of the best trips in are schs. Valerie, 60,000 pounds; Mary C. Santos, 54,000 pounds; Rose Dorothea, 58,000 pounds; steamer Billow, 66,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$2 to \$2.50 a hundred on haddock, \$5 for large and \$1.75 to \$2 for market cod, \$2.50 for hake and \$1 to \$1.50 for pollock.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Albert W. Black, 63 swordfish.
Sch. Mary E. Sennett, 47 swordfish.
Sch. Priscilla, 49 swordfish.
Sch. Lafayette, 61 swordfish.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 61 swordfish.
Sch. Virginia, 2000 haddock, 30,000 cod.

Str. Billow, 62,000 haddock, 4400 cod.
Sch. Albert W. Black, 65 swordfish.
Sch. Natalie Nelson, 15,000 haddock, 37,000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Waltham, 15,000 haddock, 46,000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 15,000 haddock, 35,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 7000 haddock, 40,000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Mary F. Sears, 12,000 haddock, 23,000 cod, 13,000 pollock.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 25,000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 6000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Valerie, 9000 haddock, 50,000 cod, 10,000 pollock.

Sch. Pontiac, 14,000 haddock, 22,000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Jessie Costa, 26,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 9000 pollock.

Sch. Flavilla, 16,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Delphina Cabral, 8000 haddock, 17,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Frances S. Grueby, 14,000 haddock, 12,000 cod, 12,000 pollock.

Haddock, \$2 to \$2.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$5; market cod, \$1.75 to \$2; hake, \$2.50; pollock, \$1 to \$1.50; halibut, 12 1-2 cts. per lb.

Sardines Scarce.

A representative of the Eastport cannery who was in Portland Monday says there has been no improvement in the sardine packing business in that vicinity, the catch still being very disappointing, not over one-quarter as large as usual at this season of the year. The cannery is not discouraged, however, as a season's work can be made if the full run of fish does not commence until the first of August. Locally a moderate amount of sardine herring is being landed daily at the South Portland factory, coming from the wiers along the Fal-mouth Foreside.

One of the encouraging happenings of the past fortnight as far as Nova Scotia industrially is concerned is the strike of mackerel along the shore from Halifax east, and more particularly in the vicinity of Chedabouche and St. Peter's Bay, says the Halifax Maritime Merchant. It is impossible at present to form an estimate of what quantity has been taken, for with many fishermen all getting from a few to a large number each day for a week or so, one might and probably would be very far out in any guess that he would make. The opinion among the trade, however, seems to be that the fishermen have done exceedingly well, and that there is reasonable expectation that this year's catch will exceed that of last year, which was far from being an average, in fact it was less than 8,000 barrels, whereas it should have been 10,000. The best year's mackerel fishing on the Nova Scotia coast for the past five years, was the year when large strikes were made at Chedabouche to Bay. The fish that year went right up to Guysboro town, and in places ran ashore. The pack was 30,000 barrels, and would have been larger had the fishermen been provided with sufficient salt and barrels to take care of the mackerel as they caught them. A good catch of mackerel on the eastern shore of Nova Scotia is one of the best things for business in that section that could possibly happen. In these times of general quietness in trade, and it would be very nice indeed to hear of three or four hundred thousand dollars being picked up by the hardy fishermen of Richmond and Guysboro counties in the manner mentioned. What a fascination there is about mackerel fishing as an industry. Always there is the uncertainty as to what the morrow will bring forth. The fisherman may draw a winner or he may draw blank, but however badly he succeeds today, he is ever hopeful that tomorrow will make a better showing. It only requires a very short period of good luck in mackerel fishing to get its followers on easy street. Take the boats reported last week as coming in with 4,000 for this sort of luck. A week or two of this sort of luck and their owners would be on easy street for a year. Of course we must not forget that there are barren years in fact, in the mackerel industry. But if there were none of these the prosecution of the industry would have far less excitement and less interest; in fact, it would be like editing a trade journal or some other hum drum occupation. We would be going to be any kind of a fisherman, we should want to get rich at "mackereling" or be able to get rich at all, at least not every

Boat Sold for \$1095.

Sch. Joker 11, with nets, gear and all appurtenances was sold at auction on Monday by John A. J. auctioneer, Isaac Merchant being purchaser for \$1095.

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WORDER TOWED SAM PEEPLES

Sam Peebles, brother of Capt. George Peebles, skipper of sch. Lafayette, one of the swordfishing fleet and a most exciting experience on Georges last week while chasing a swordfish, when the monster suddenly turned and rammed his sword through the dory and then towed Peebles and his craft fully a mile, before the big swordfish was finally subdued and landed. The fish, which had been hit by the sword, became infuriated and almost drove Peebles knew it, pierced his sword through the side of the dory, the end of which came through between the fishermen's legs. In this perilous position, the swordfish towed the dory through the water, while Peebles was left alone helpless. Another dory was put over from the Lafayette which had given chase, and after a mile race, Mr. Swordfish was finally subdued and Peebles taken on board.

The High Liners.

The three high liners of the seining fleet to date are the schooners Salama, Lottie G. Merchant, and Rob Roy. Capt. John Matheson of sch. Salama, of the Cunningham and Thompson fleet, belongs the honor of having the largest stock, having \$12,000 since the middle of April. The crew has shared \$242 each from this stock. Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Ralph Eber, of the William H. Jordan and company fleet, is in second place and has the honor of being high line crew. From his stock of \$11,547 the crew has shared \$239.91 each, the highest of any of the seiners this season. It is understood that the crew of this vessel have two or three more shares apiece due them as a result of the mackerel overrunning.

Capt. Lemuel Firth in sch. Rob Roy, of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries company fleet, is in third place with a stock of \$11,323 from which the crew has shared \$236.76 being in second place for share.

Had Good Trip.

The banking sch. Metamora, Capt. J. J. J. formerly owned here, the only banker with auxiliary power, arrived at Harbor Breton from the fish-grounds on Friday, 19th ult., with a full cod. Capt. Lewis reported a fairly plentiful on the Grand Banks, but weather disagreeable, there being a prevalence of fog.

More Crafts Fitting.

Capt. Patrick Murphy is to take sch. seining from Cunningham and Thompson's. Another addition is to be made to the fleet of the fresh drifters. Capt. Mildred Robinson is to command the Atlantic Fish Company fleet in this branch of the fisheries.

Mackerel at Portland.

Mackerel continue in liberal receipt at Portland, the steamer Pet coming Monday afternoon with 12,000 barrels, taken off Cape Elizabeth, the steamer Elthier, which landed 10 barrels of tinkers here on the 15th, has gone out of commission for a few days in order to repair her boiler.

PROPOSED REGULATION IS STRINGENT

Full Text of Congressman Gardner's Concise Lobster Bill.

Congressman Gardner has introduced a bill to prohibit the interstate and foreign commerce in short lobsters, egg-bearing lobsters, and mutilated lobsters. This is a matter in which the lobster fishermen around Cape Ann are much interested, and the Congressman submitted his bill to a number of them before introducing it.

Of course, nothing will be done with the bill at the present session of Congress; but Mr. Gardner hopes to get the committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to which it was referred, interested in the matter when Congress reconvenes next December.

The bill is as follows:

To prohibit interstate and foreign commerce in lobster meat and in undersized or egg-bearing lobsters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for

any person knowingly to deliver to any common carrier for transportation or for any common carrier, vessel, or person knowingly to transport from any state, territory, or district of the United States to any other state, territory or district or to any foreign country any lobster less than ten and one-half inches in length, any mutilated lobster, any female lobster carrying eggs, or any female lobster from which the eggs have been removed.

Section 2. That the importation of lobsters less than ten and one-half inches in length, of mutilated lobsters, of female lobsters carrying eggs, or of female lobsters from which the eggs have been removed is forbidden.

Section 3. That whoever shall violate section one of this Act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$200 for each offense, or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

IPSWICH BAY ALIVE WITH TINKERS

Many Fresh Fares Here—Some Sold to the Splitters.

Ipswich Bay is alive with tinker mackerel and the small boats and steamers continue to reap the harvest. Yesterday afternoon several fares were landed at Fort wharf, while two of the largest were sent to split. This morning the steamers were again arriving and the dealers were icing and barreling them for shipment to Boston where the demand for mackerel was lively today.

The best haul was made by steamer Independence which had 94 barrels. The Bessie A. had 50 barrels, both trips selling to split.

The Italian boats did well, three of them having over 50 barrels between them.

Off Pigeon Cove yesterday, the residents could see the fishermen taking fish. A large fleet were outside and remained on the grounds until after dark. At Rockport, 30 barrels of tinkers were brought in.

Sch. Victor, Capt. John F. Vautier, arrived last evening with a small salt fare of 26 barrels.

The Salt Mackerel Trade.

Said the manager of one leading New York concern: "Business is a little better and there is a little more demand. There is really no noticeable change in the market. There are a few Cape Shore fish around at \$12.50 and \$13.

"The one bright spot in the sky," said one dealer, "is that we are going to get some mackerel this year.

"As a matter of fact, the trade on the cheaper grade of mackerel is brisker than on the higher grade in some sections of the country, especially when high prices rule for the quality product. There are a great many hundred barrels for delivery on account of the prices. The South will not take high-priced mackerel; it is the low prices of mackerel which appeals to them down there. The South is a mighty good market for mackerel when the prices are low. If the market price is high, the Southern consumer gets along without them."

The Norwegian Mackerel Fisheries announce there will be 267 Scandinavian fishing vessels engaged in the industry at the opening of the coming fall season; that about 90 per cent. of these vessels have entered into a union for the purpose of bettering conditions of former years. Strict selections of caught fish according to quality will assure buyers of first-class grades. The products of this union will bear the trade-mark of the North Sea Mackerel Fisheries Union—Fishing Gazette.

Halibut at Portland.

Sch. Monitor was at Portland yesterday with 18,000 pounds fresh halibut.

The Fish Industry at Manila.

The fish markets of Manila are to a large extent supplied with fish from the ponds at Malabon and the regions of Rizal and Bulacan Provinces nearest the bay. These ponds are usually fell from the tide marshes of streams emptying into Manila Bay. The fish industry represented by these ponds supplies thousands of fishermen with employment. There are no statistics available to show what proportion of the fish offered for sale in the markets are caught in the bay's shallow waters and what proportion are supplied from these privately owned fish ponds. These ponds are used for producing a very common variety of market fish, known locally as "bangus." These fish are spawned in the waters of Marinduque and Batangas. Gathering the spawn for the fish ponds near Manila constitutes an active industry in the regions adjacent to their spawning beds. The industry is largely in the hands of the women. Wide pieces of coarse cloth are used for gathering from shallow water the spawn, which is put into small earthen jars for shipment to the fish ponds near Manila. The process requires great patience and care. The jars are constantly watched in transit and the water changed daily. These jars of "seed" fish are said to sell for as high as \$2.50 each.—Consular Report.

Portland Fish Notes.

Fish and plenty of it was brought into Portland harbor late Monday evening, and over 350 barrels of shad were landed at the two cold storage companies, while almost 200 barrels of bluebacks were taken out at the Central Wharf Cold Storage Company, together with several barrels of mackerel. The Portland Cold Storage Company took out 250 barrels of shad, including the following trips: Nellie Worthington, 59; Florence and Mildred, 35; Monhegan, 20; Kate & Nellie, 49; Mystic Belle, 100. At the Central Wharf Cold Storage Co. the following trips were taken out: Nellie Parsons, 50 of bluebacks, five of mackerel; Georgie Bowden, 55 of bluebacks, two of mackerel; Onaway, 66 of shad; Carena, 51 of shad; Nellie G. York, 28 of bluebacks and 9 1-2 of mackerel.

Halibut Sales.

The halibut fare of sch. Monitor sold in Portland yesterday for 10 cents per pound for white and 7 cents for gray.

The halibut fare of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut Company for 10 1-4 cents per pound for white and 8 1-2 for gray.

Porto Rico Fish Market.

San Juan, Porto Rico, June 23.—Our markets continue to rule quiet, consumption being restricted by the high prices ruling. Stocks of large cod are rather plentiful at San Juan. The supplies of medium and small codfish at the various markets, with the exception perhaps of Ponce, where a cargo from Lunenburg is just now being distributed. The same summary applies to pollock and haddock as well. We quote on usual "net ex wharf" basis: Large codfish \$34.50 per cask of 450 lbs.; small and medium codfish, \$33.50 to \$34 per cask of 450 lbs.; pollock and haddock \$23 per cask of 450 lbs.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.